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THE HEDGEHOG

Wedding Bells?



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SONIC THE HEDGEHOG

AND THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS HAVE BEEN FIGHTING THE BRILLIANT AND SINISTER DOCTOR EGGMAN FOR THEIR LIBERTY FOR OVER A DECADE. DURING THAT TIME, THEY'VE LOST SO MUCH, IT SEEMS ONLY RIGHT THAT THEY'VE BECOME CLOSER. ANTOINE D'COOLETTE'S MARRIAGE TO BUNNIE RABBOT COMES AS NO SURPRISE, NOR DOES IT THAT SONIC IS FOUND UNDER THE CARE OF HIS UNCLE CHUCK.

AND HERE I THOUGHT YOU WEREN'T ONE FOR TITLES, SONIC.

I'LL MAKE AN EXCEPTION ON THIS ONE, UNCLE CHUCK. IT'S NOT EVERY DAY YOU GET TO BE **BEST MAN** FOR YOUR BUDDY'S WEDDING.

BUT AFTER THE WHOLE THING WITH FIONA,* I'M PRETTY HAPPY FLYING SOLO.

STILL MAYBE ANTOINE CAN RETURN THE FAVOR ONE DAY?

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Soldier's Son
and the Groom

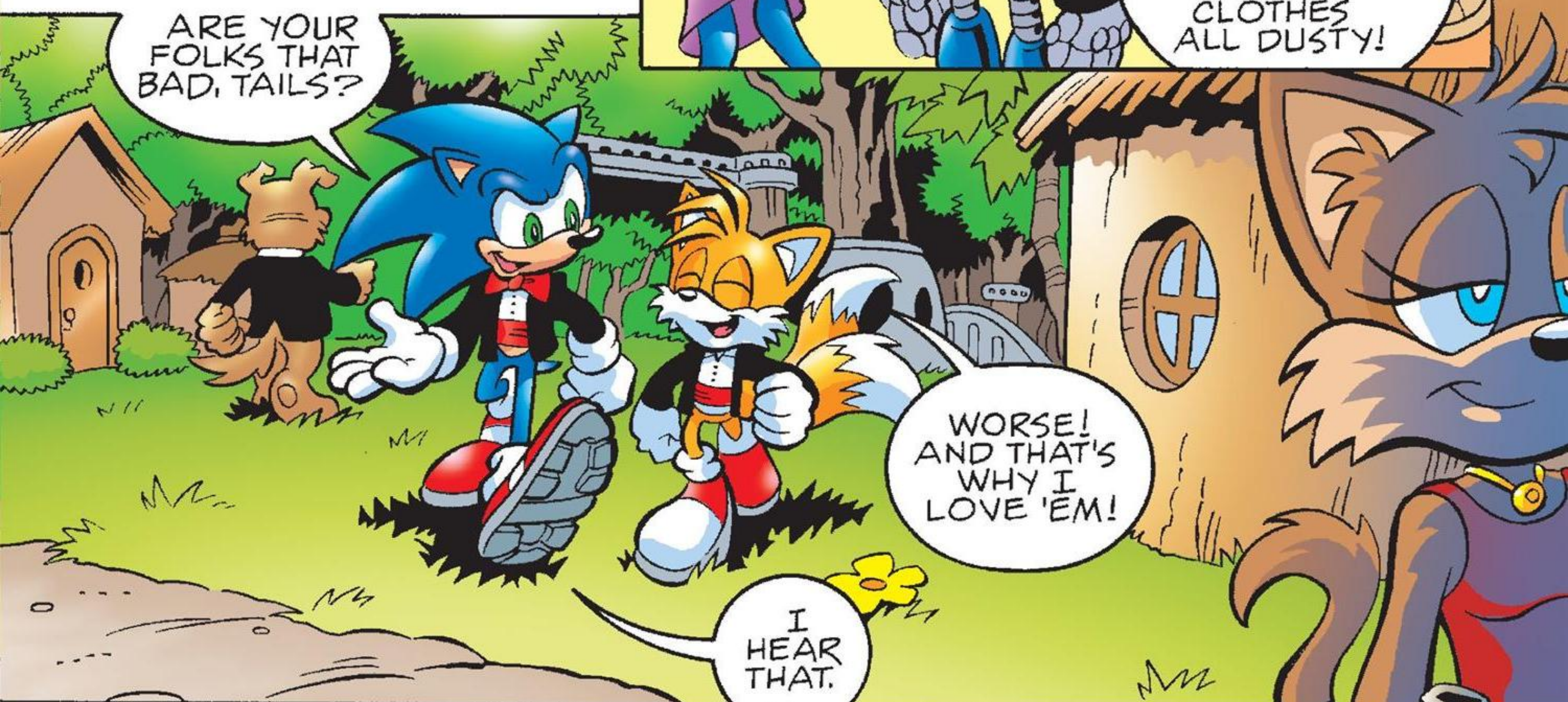
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Hero of Mobius
and Best Man

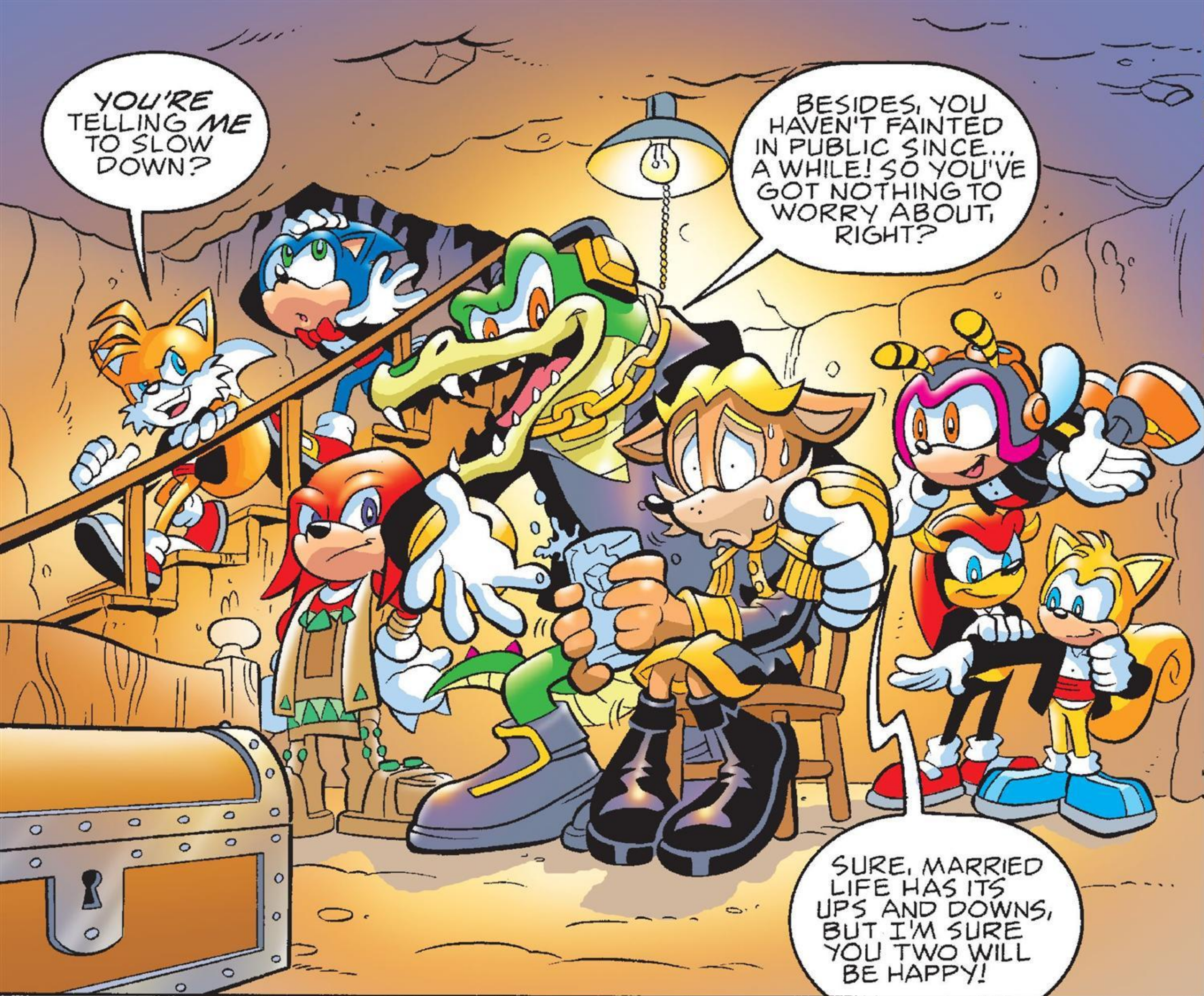
BUNNIE
Cyber-belle
and Bride

TAILS
Sonic's Best
Friend

SALLY
Acorn Princess
and Maid of Honor

ESPIO
Chaotix Ninja
and Spy





YOU'RE
TELLING ME
TO SLOW
DOWN?

BESIDES, YOU
HAVEN'T FAINTED
IN PUBLIC SINCE...
A WHILE! SO YOU'VE
GOT NOTHING TO
WORRY ABOUT,
RIGHT?

SURE, MARRIED
LIFE HAS ITS
UPS AND DOWNS,
BUT I'M SURE
YOU TWO WILL
BE HAPPY!



VECTOR
IS GIVING
ADVICE?

WHETHER
ANTOINE
WANTS IT OR
NOT, READY
TO BE THE
BEST MAN?

I'VE
ALWAYS
BEEN "THE
BEST MAN,"
WHERE'S
ESPIO?

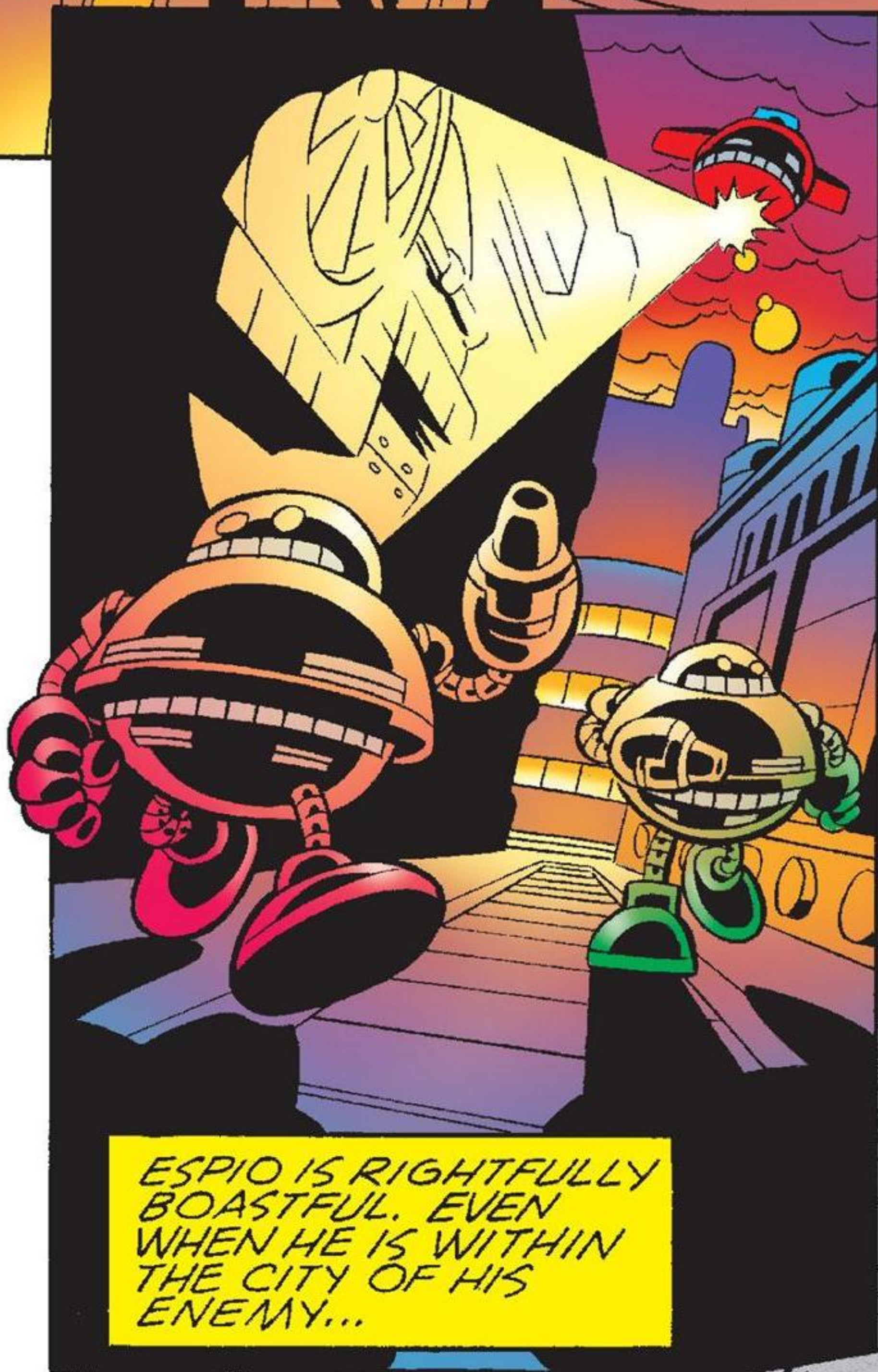


HE'S ON A
MISSION.
HE SAID HE'D
BE BACK IN
TIME FOR THE
CEREMONY.

YEAH,
BUT
ALONE?

YOU
KNOW
ESPIO...

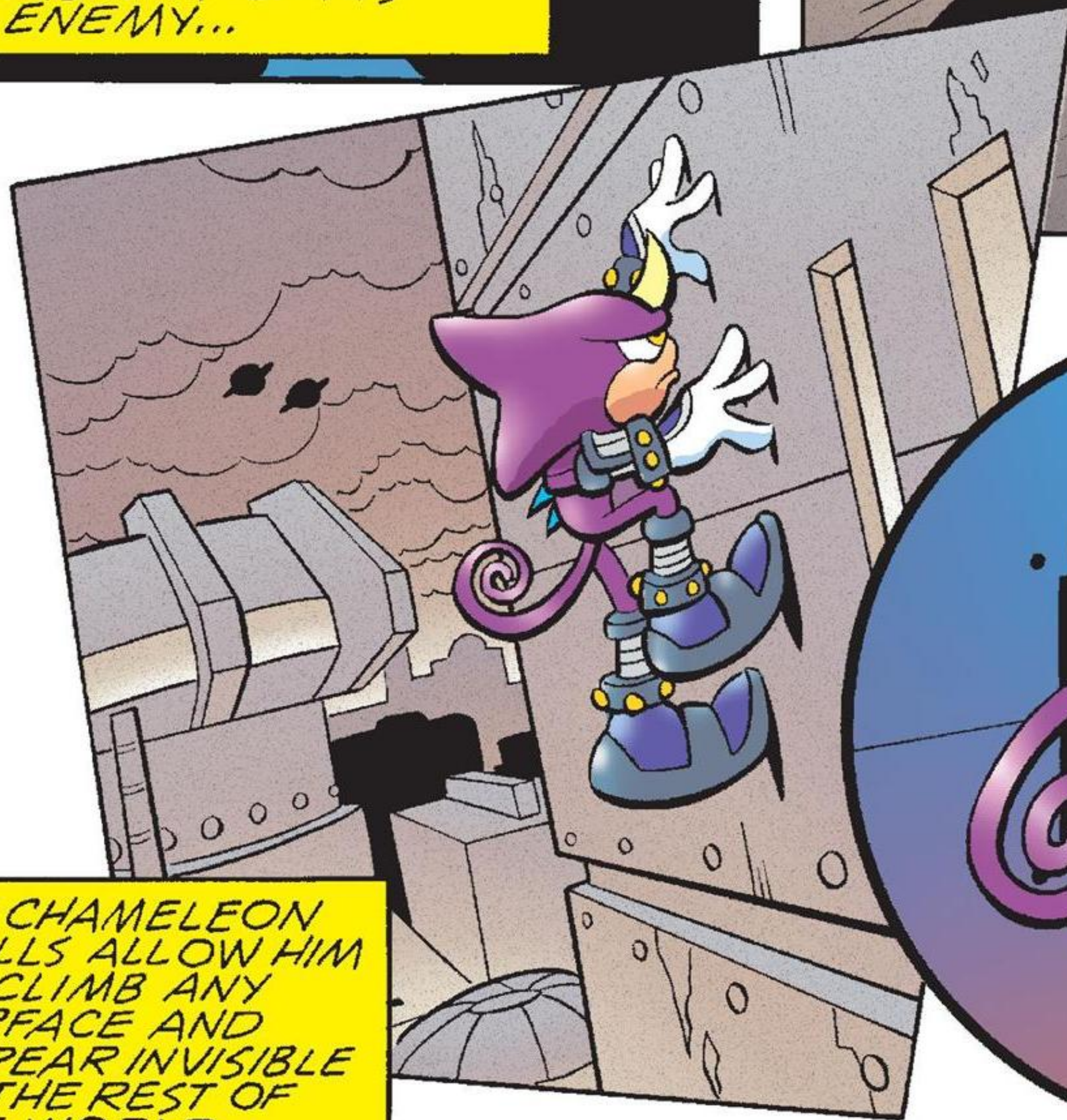
...HE THINKS
HE CAN DO
ANYTHING."



ESPIO IS RIGHTFULLY
BOASTFUL. EVEN
WHEN HE IS WITHIN
THE CITY OF HIS
ENEMY...



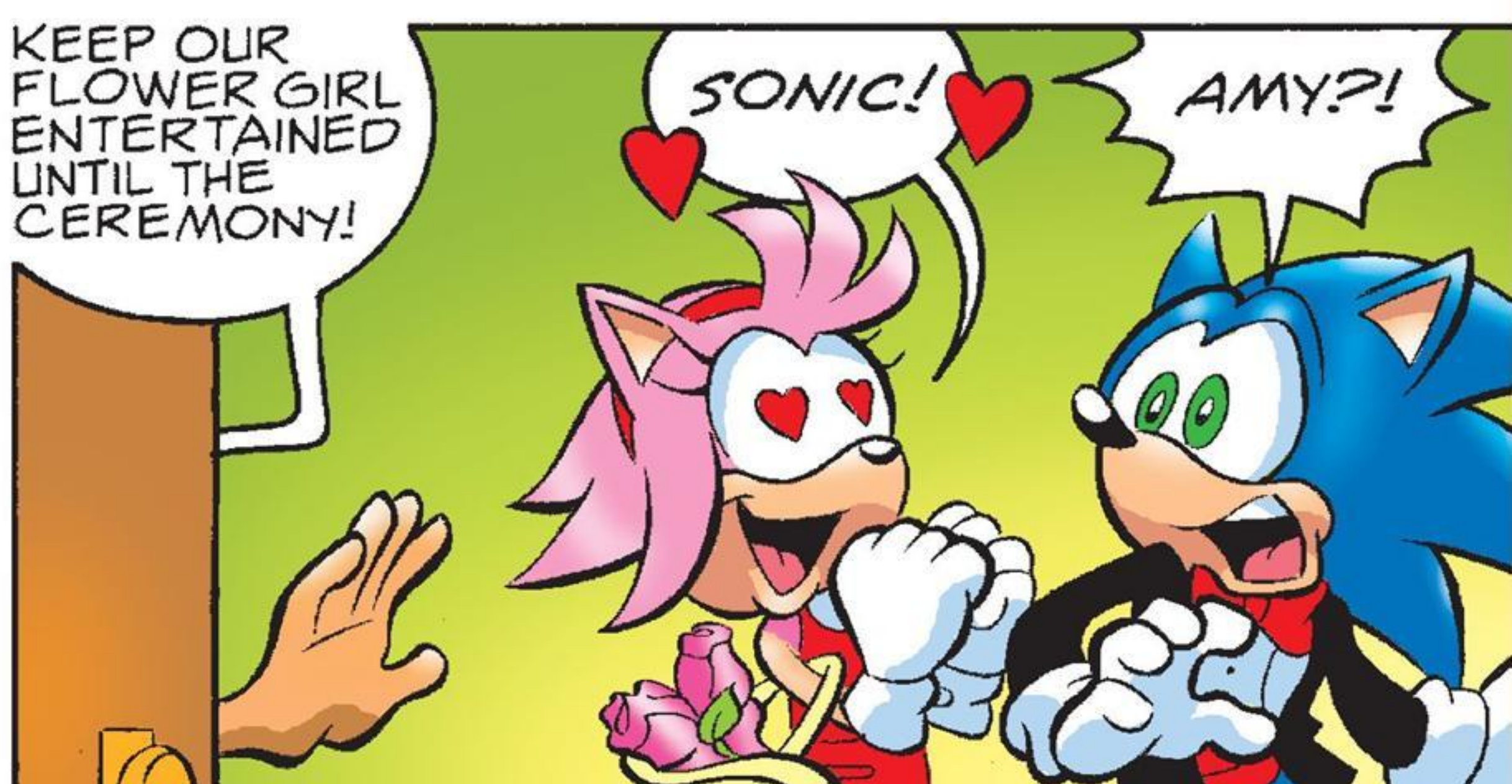
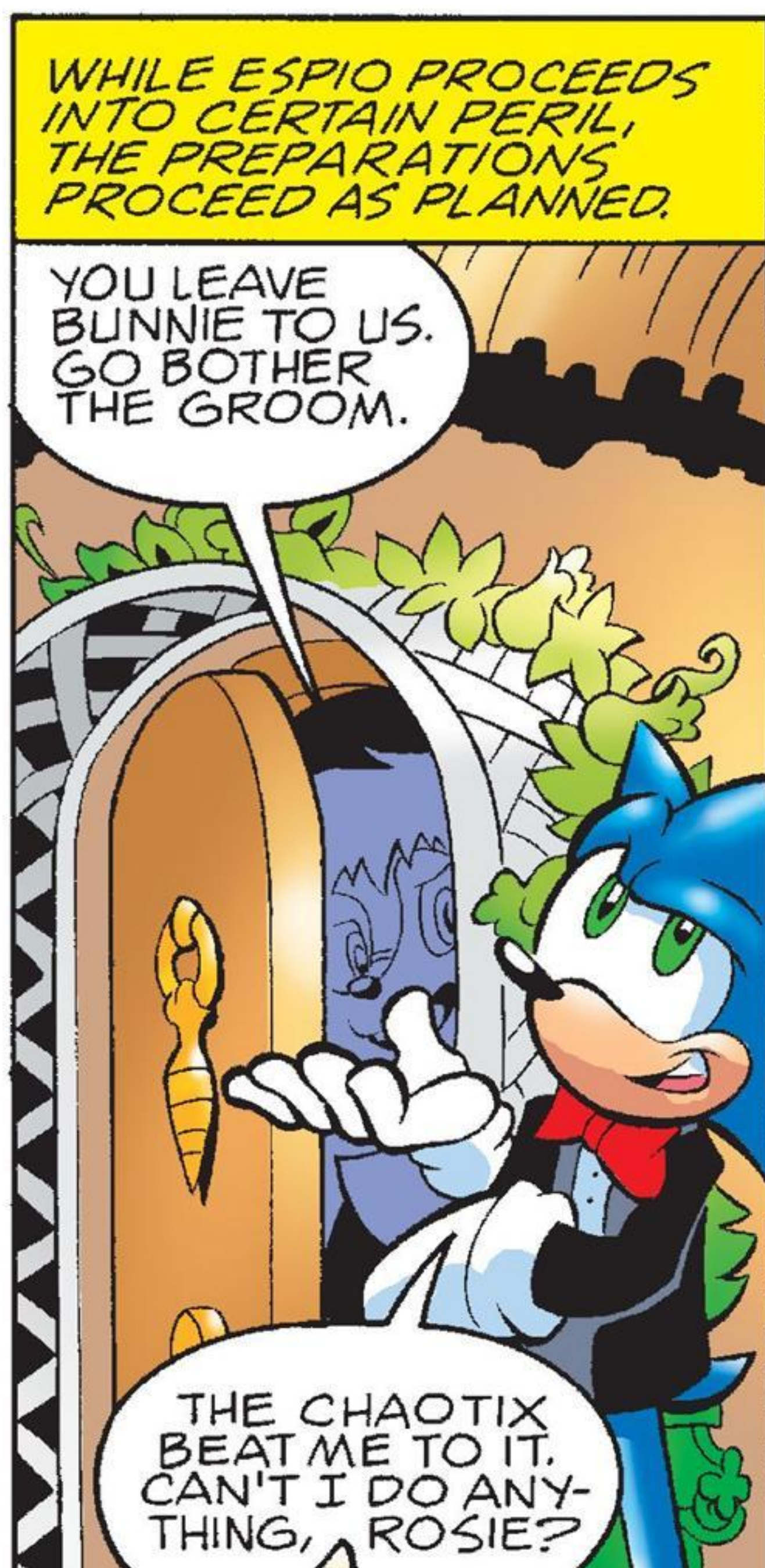
...HE GOES
UNSEEN!



HIS CHAMELEON
SKILLS ALLOW HIM
TO CLIMB ANY
SURFACE AND
APPEAR INVISIBLE
TO THE REST OF
THE WORLD.



IT DOES NOT,
HOWEVER,
MAKE HIM
INVINCIBLE.



SHO'NUFF!
AND AH STILL WILL
--WHEN AH'M NOT
SMASHING BADNIKS
OR SPENDIN' TIME
WITH MAH MAN!

I'M
PROUD
OF YOU,
BUNNIE,
ANTOINE'S
A GOOD
MAN.

AH COUNT
MAH LUCKY STARS
AH GOT HIM. WE'VE
BOTH LOST SO MUCH--
IT'S ONLY RIGHT THAT
WE'RE THERE TO
SUPPORT EACH
OTHER.

AND I'M PROUD
OF THE BOTH OF
YOU. YOU'VE KEPT
US ALL SAFE FOR
SO LONG AND GROWN
UP INTO SUCH
LOVELY, COMPETENT
YOUNG LADIES.

THANK
YOU, ROSIE!
MAYBE SALLY
WILL FOLLOW
MAH LEAD AND
MARRY SOON,
TOO!

OH, YES!
SOMEONE
HANDSOME
AND
BRAVE
...AND
BLUE...

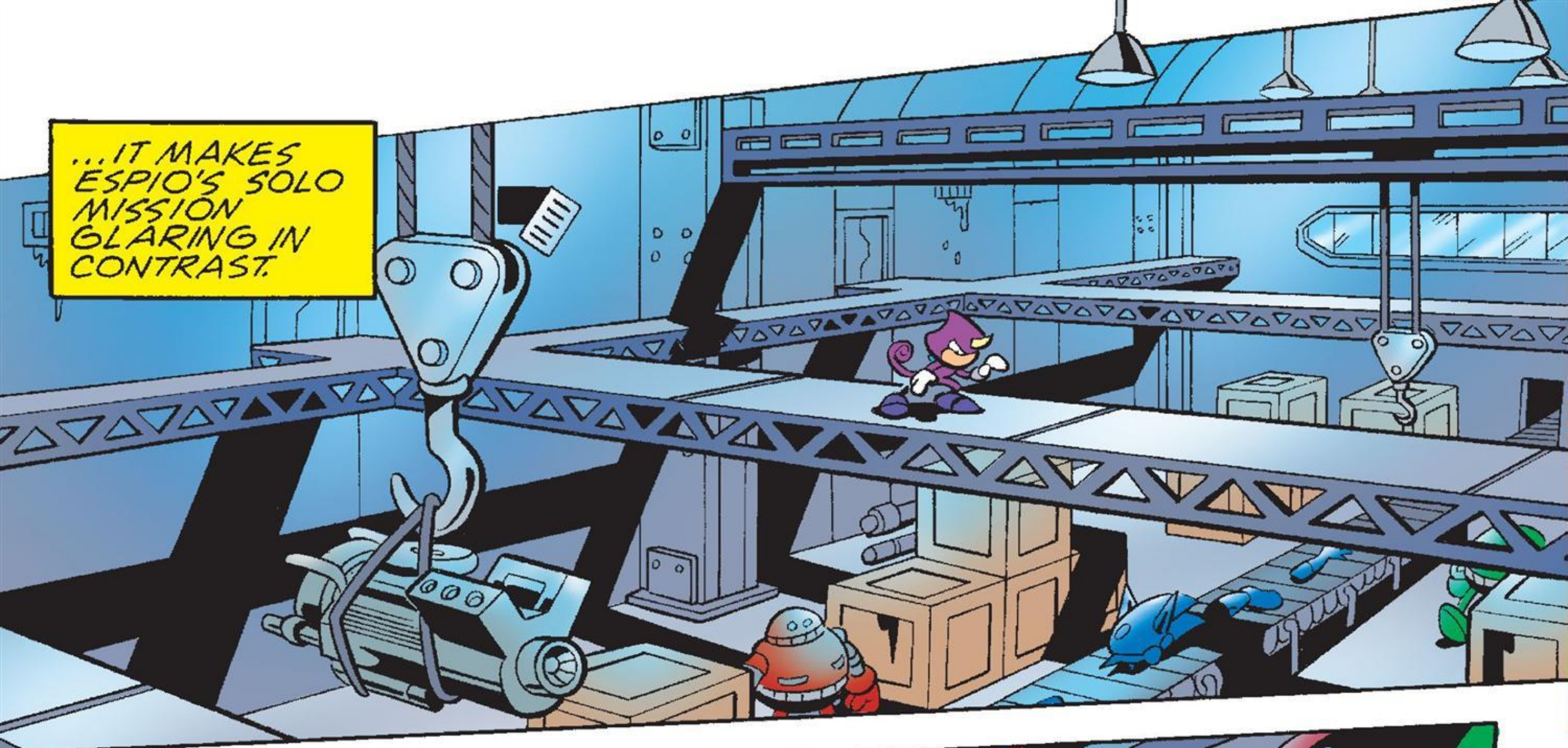
OH, NO,
YOU TWO
DON'T. I'M
PERFECTLY
HAPPY
BEING
SINGLE
RIGHT NOW,
THANK
YOU.

SUUUUURE
YOU ARE!

HAHAHAHA!

SUCH LOVE AND FRIENDSHIP
BETWEEN SUCH DIFFERENT
CLASSES AND AGES...

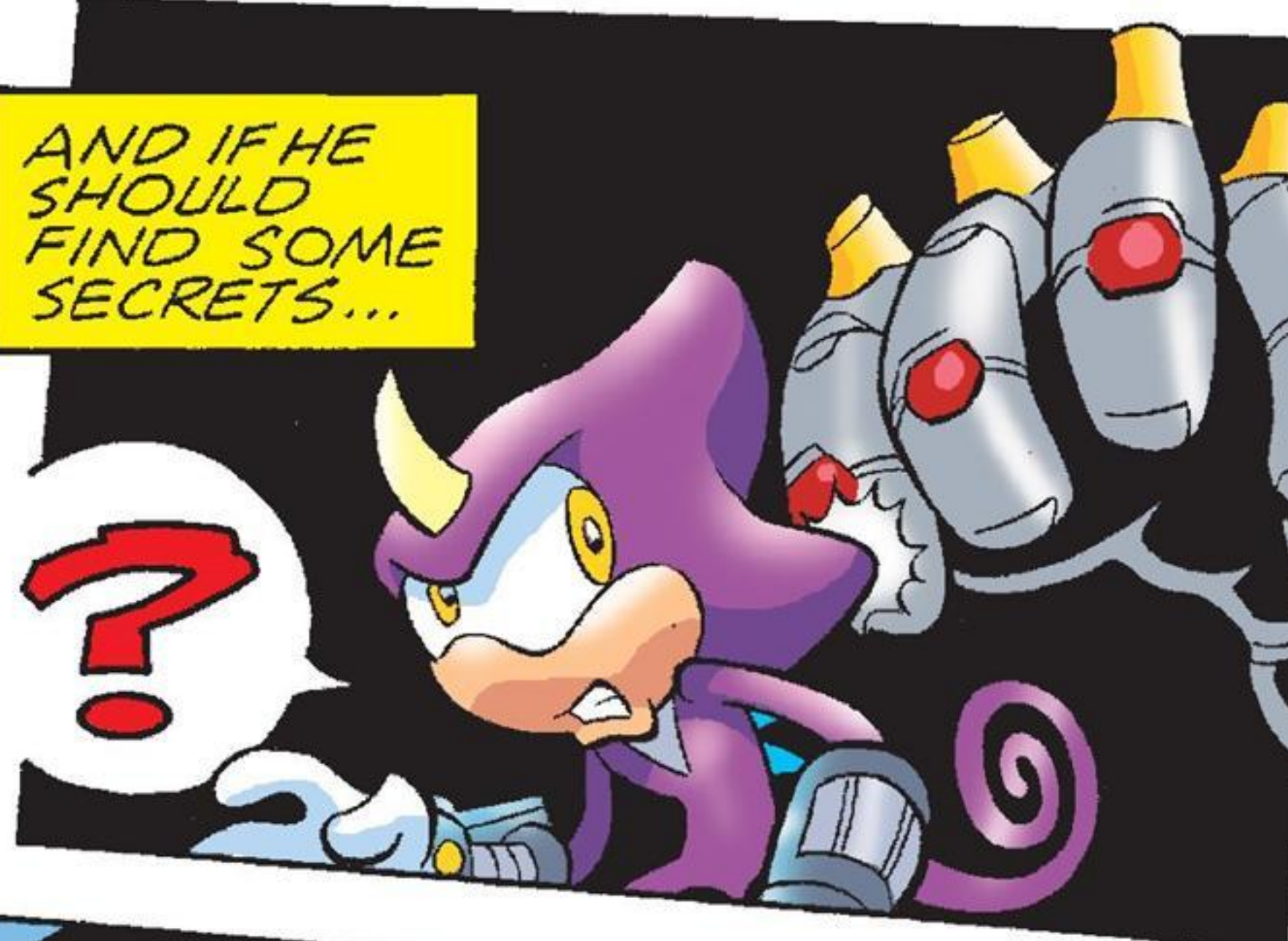
...IT MAKES
ESPION'S SOLO
MISSION
GLARING IN
CONTRAST.



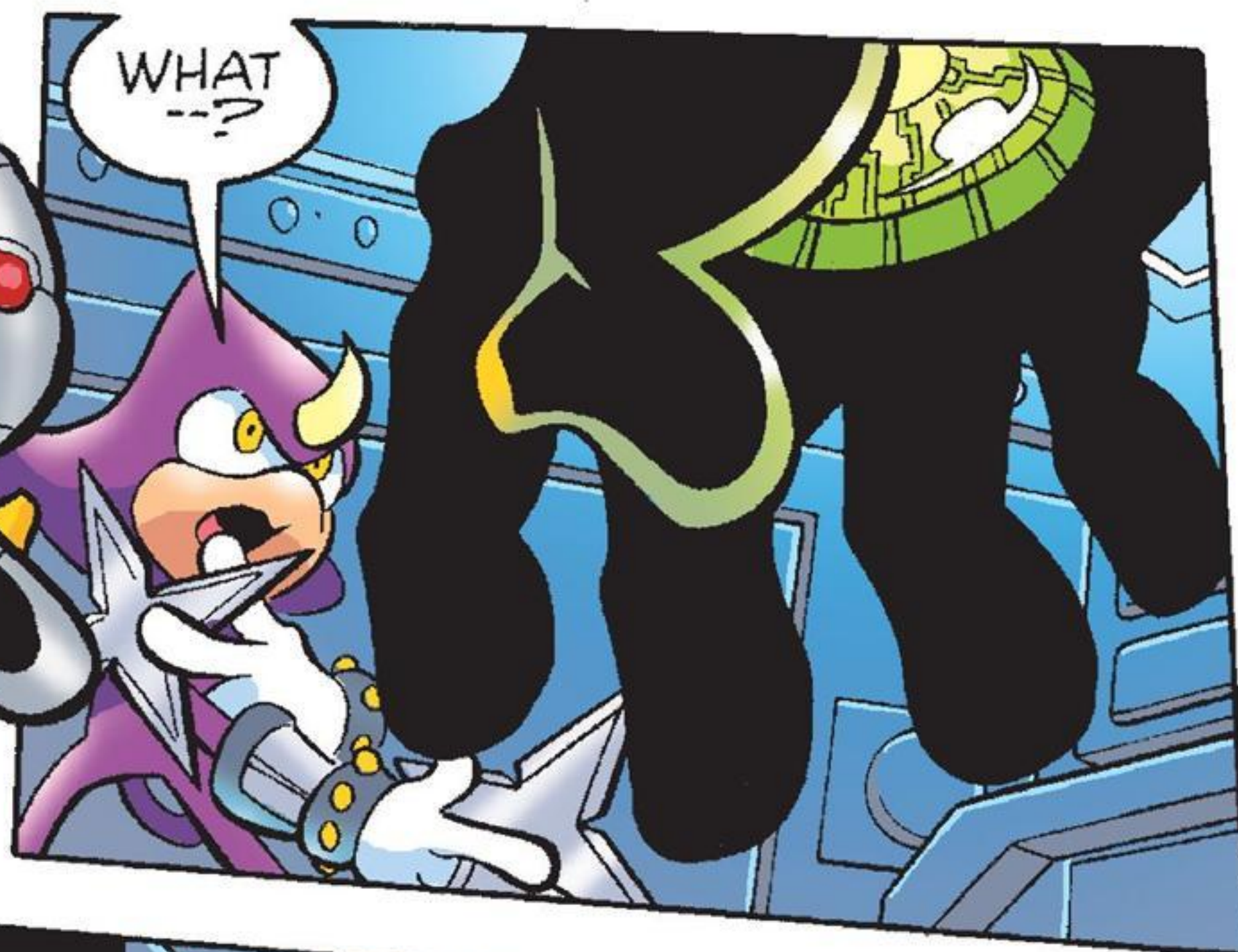
WHAT DOES HE RISK
HIS LIFE FOR? WHAT
SECRET DOES HE
SEEK TO UNCOVER?



AND IF HE
SHOULD
FIND SOME
SECRETS...



WHAT
---?



...WHAT WILL
HE DO WITH
THEM?

BATTLE
ARMOR?



AS ESPIO GETS CLOSER TO THE TRUTH, THE CITIZENS OF KNOTHOLE REMAIN OBLIVIOUS...

HAVE YOU HEARD FROM ESPIO YET, MAN?

NOTHING. HE'S RUNNING OUT OF TIME.

HEY, GUYS.

H-HEY! JULIE-SU. WOW!

THANKS, YOU'RE SWEET. I HATE DRESSING UP LIKE THIS.

HEY, JS. YOU'RE LOOKING GOOD.

I THINK SHE LOOKS GOOD. DON'T YOU, KNUX?

I-- SHE-- YES!

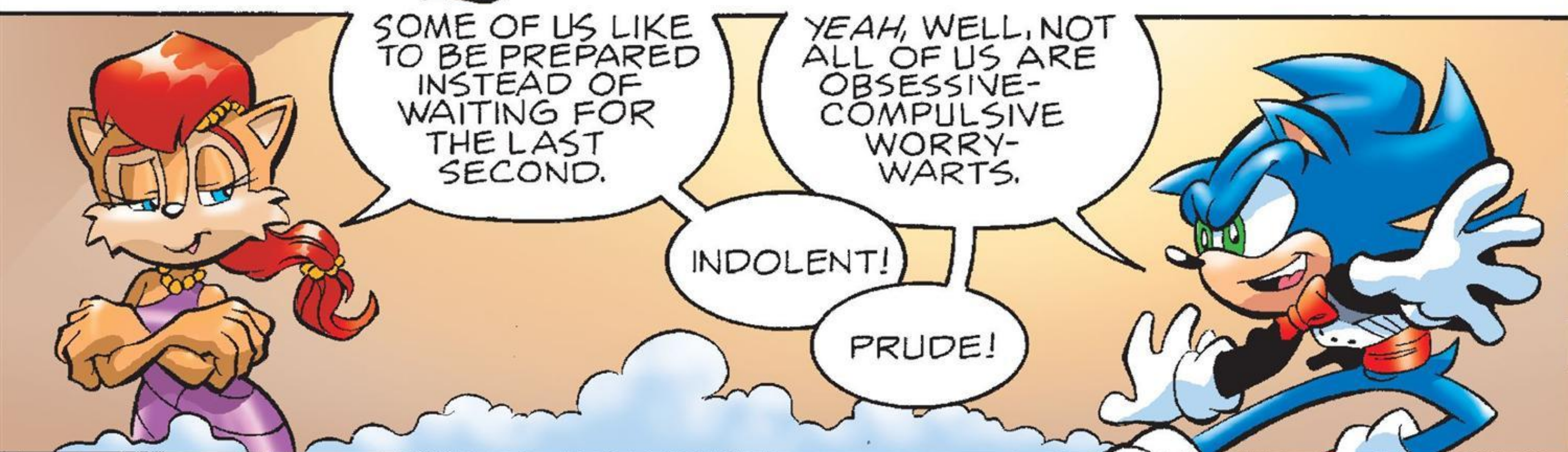
HA! THANKS, HUN.

SO WHEN CAN WE EXPECT YOU TWO TO MAKE IT OFFICIAL?

AND DRESS UP EVEN MORE? NO, THANKS. BESIDES, THE DARK LEGION NEVER HAD ANY SORT OF CEREMONY.

AND EVEN IF THEY DID, WHY DO WE NEED A CEREMONY? ANTOINE AND BUNNIE ARE WELCOME TO THEIRS. BUT I THINK MY WORD TO JULIE-SU IS AS GOOD AS ANYTHING.

I GET YA! I NEED TO GET IN PLACE, GUYS! CATCH YA AT THE RECEPTION!



OH, LOOK!
IT'S TAILS!
MOM AND DAD!
HI, MR. AND
MRS. PROWER!

COMMANDER PROWER!
THANK YOU AGAIN FOR
LEADING THE HONOR
GUARD FOR TODAY'S
CEREMONY!

MY PLEASURE,
YOUR HIGHNESS.
IT'S MOST
GRACIOUS OF
YOU TO PERFORM
THE UNION FOR
THEM.

THE
HONOR
IS MINE.

AND *THAT*,
SIRE, IS WHY
I AM SO
OPTIMISTIC
FOR OUR
GREAT
NATION.

GOOD
AFTER-
NOON,
SONIC.

SOON YOU WON'T
HAVE MUCH MORE
POWER THAN THAT,
ANYWAY.

UM...MOM?
HERE'S THE
UPDATED
ATTENDANCE
LIST.

THANK
YOU,
TAILS.

WHAT DID
YOU MEAN
BY THAT,
DAD?

JUST THAT YOUR MOTHER
AND I HAVE A NUMBER OF
SUGGESTIONS FOR THE
STRUCTURE OF THE
KINGDOM, TAILS. NEW
PLANS TO BETTER THE
LIVES FOR EVERYONE
IN KNOTHOLE.

OH--OKAY!
THERE'S ONLY
ONE GUY MISSING
FROM THE LIST I
GAVE MOM.

ALWAYS A
PLEASURE.

THAT "ONE GUY"
IS ESPIO, OF
COURSE.

■ 100%
■ 100%
■ 100%
■ 100%
■ 100%

KNOTHOLE

MARLIN

100%

WHALE

100%

EGG
FLEET
PRODUCTION

AS THE CEREMONY
NEARS ITS START
TIME...

...ESPION NEARS THE
TRUTH OF DR. EGG-
MAN'S PLAN.

THE COMPLETE,
HORRIFYING,
UNSTOPPABLE
PLAN...

...OH,
NO...

DESPITE ALL
HIS TRAINING,
HE PANICS.

WHICH WILL
COST HIM
DEARLY.

BUT EVERYONE ELSE
WOULDN'T KNOW ABOUT
THAT, WOULD THEY?

MY PEOPLE
OF KNOTHOLE!

TODAY WE
ARE GATHERED
TO SEE THE UNION
OF TWO OF OUR
FINEST! TWO
FREEDOM FIGHTERS
WHO, LIKE ALL OF US,
HAVE LOST A GREAT
DEAL IN OUR
STRUGGLE FOR
FREEDOM--

BUT LIKE US
ALL, THEY HAVE
SHOWN THE
COURAGE TO
MAKE IT TO
THIS DAY.

IT IS
BECAUSE OF
THEIR SELFLESS-
NESS THAT WE CAN
ENJOY THIS
MOMENT.

AND WE
HAVE NOTHING
BUT THANKS FOR
THEIR ACTIONS--
AND FOR LETTING
US JOIN THEM ON
THEIR HAPPIEST
OF DAYS!

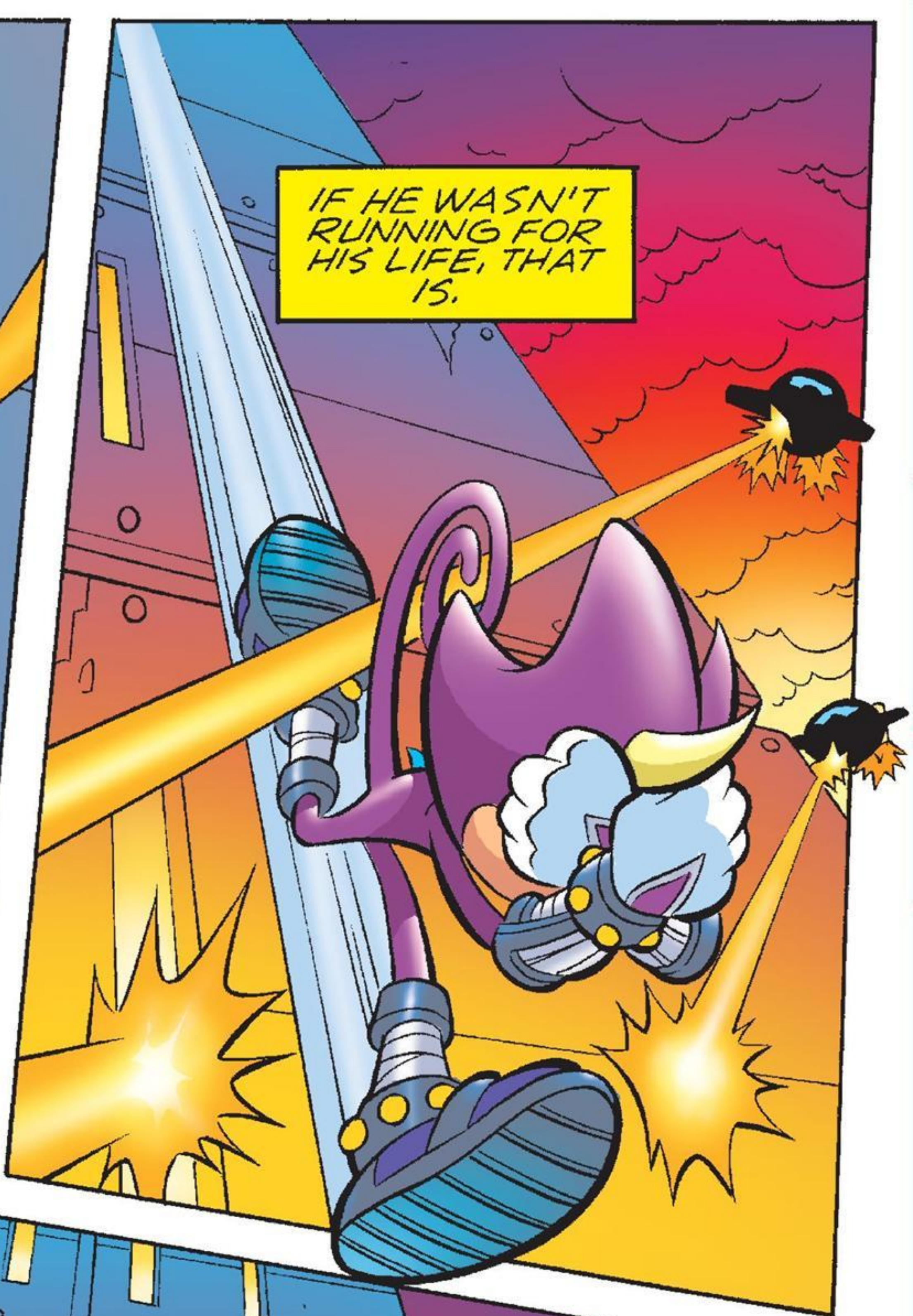
WITHOUT
FURTHER ADO,
IT IS MY **GREAT
PLEASURE**
TO UNITE
COMMANDER
ANTOINE
D'COOLETTE
AND BUNNIE
RABBIT IN A
UNION FOR
LIFE.

ISN'T IT
TOUCHING!?

I'M SURE ESPIO
WOULD THINK SO.

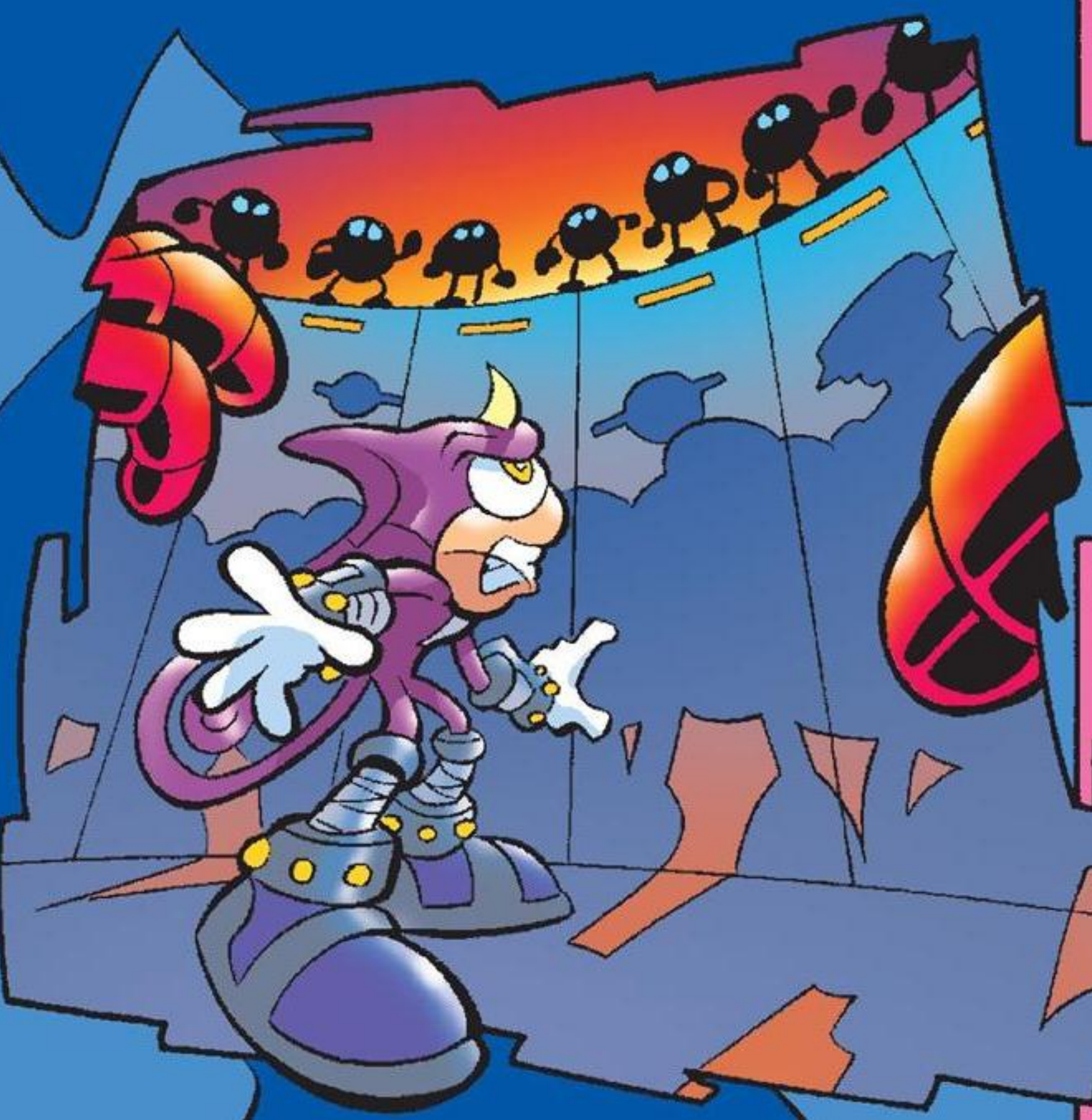


IF HE WASN'T
RUNNING FOR
HIS LIFE, THAT
IS.



BUT IT SERVES
HIM RIGHT!





AND WHILE KNOTHOLE
CELEBRATES ONE OF
ITS HAPPIEST DAYS...



...ESPION IS
EXPERIENCING
HIS LAST.

I'VE
SEEN YOUR
PLANS. I
KNOW WHAT
YOU'RE
GOING
TO DO.

IT WILL
NEVER WORK.
THEY'LL SEE
YOU COMING.
THEY'LL
RESCUE
ME.

HA! YOU
MUST NOT
HAVE READ
THE REPORT
CLEARLY.

BWVVT!



THEY
DON'T
STAND A
CHANCE.

THE PREPARATIONS ARE OVER! OUR HEROES' TIME IS
UP! BRACE YOURSELVES OVER THE NEXT THIRTY DAYS
FOR--**SONIC THE HEDGEHOG #175--EGGMAN'S EMPIRE!**

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BWAHA-HAHA!

OUT OF THE WAY, SONIC!

SEE YA' LATER CHAO **PART TWO**

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I'VE DETECTED HIGH LEVELS OF MYSTICAL ENERGY HERE AND I PLAN ON DRILLING IT UP FOR MY OWN PURPOSES.

IF YOU INSIST ON GETTING IN THE WAY, PLEASE DO SO UNDER THE DRILL!

HAHAHA!

I HATE TO BREAK IT TO YOU, EGGMAN, BUT THERE'S NOTHING HERE BUT THE CHAO AND THEIR CHAO GARDEN.

THAT'S WHAT YOU DETECTED!

WHAT? THEN...THERE'S NO MAGIC RINGS?

NOPE.

CHAO EMERALDS?

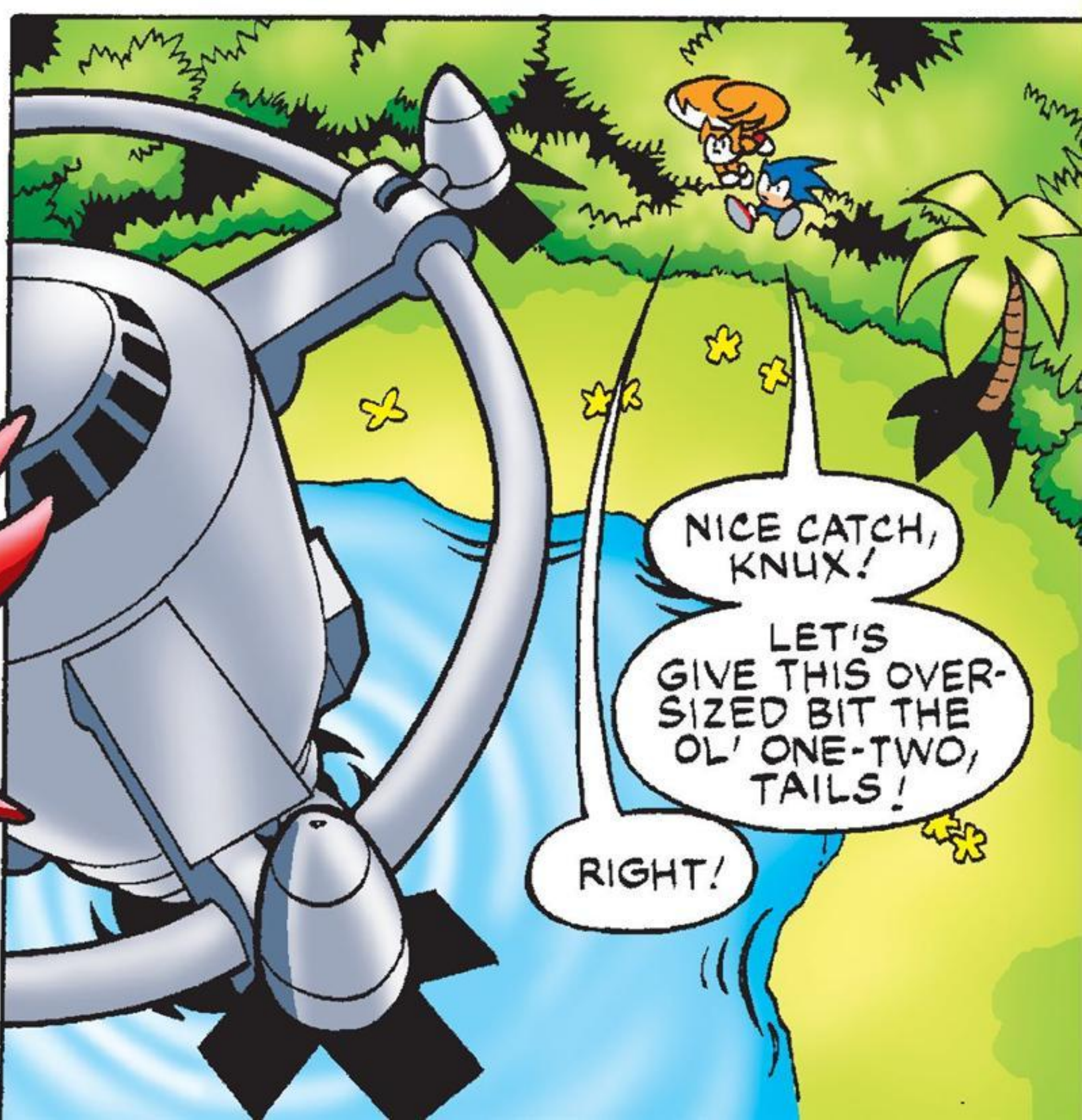
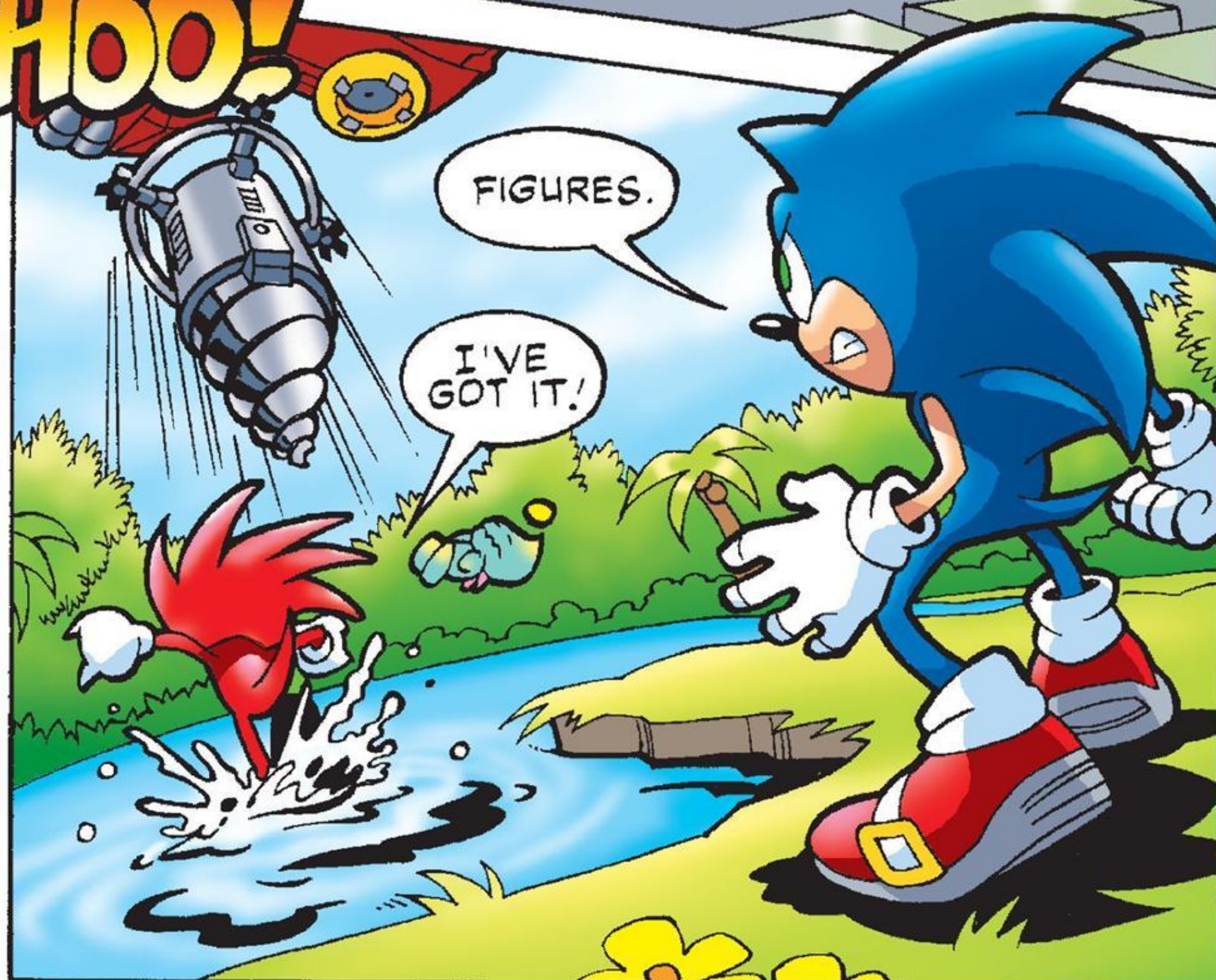
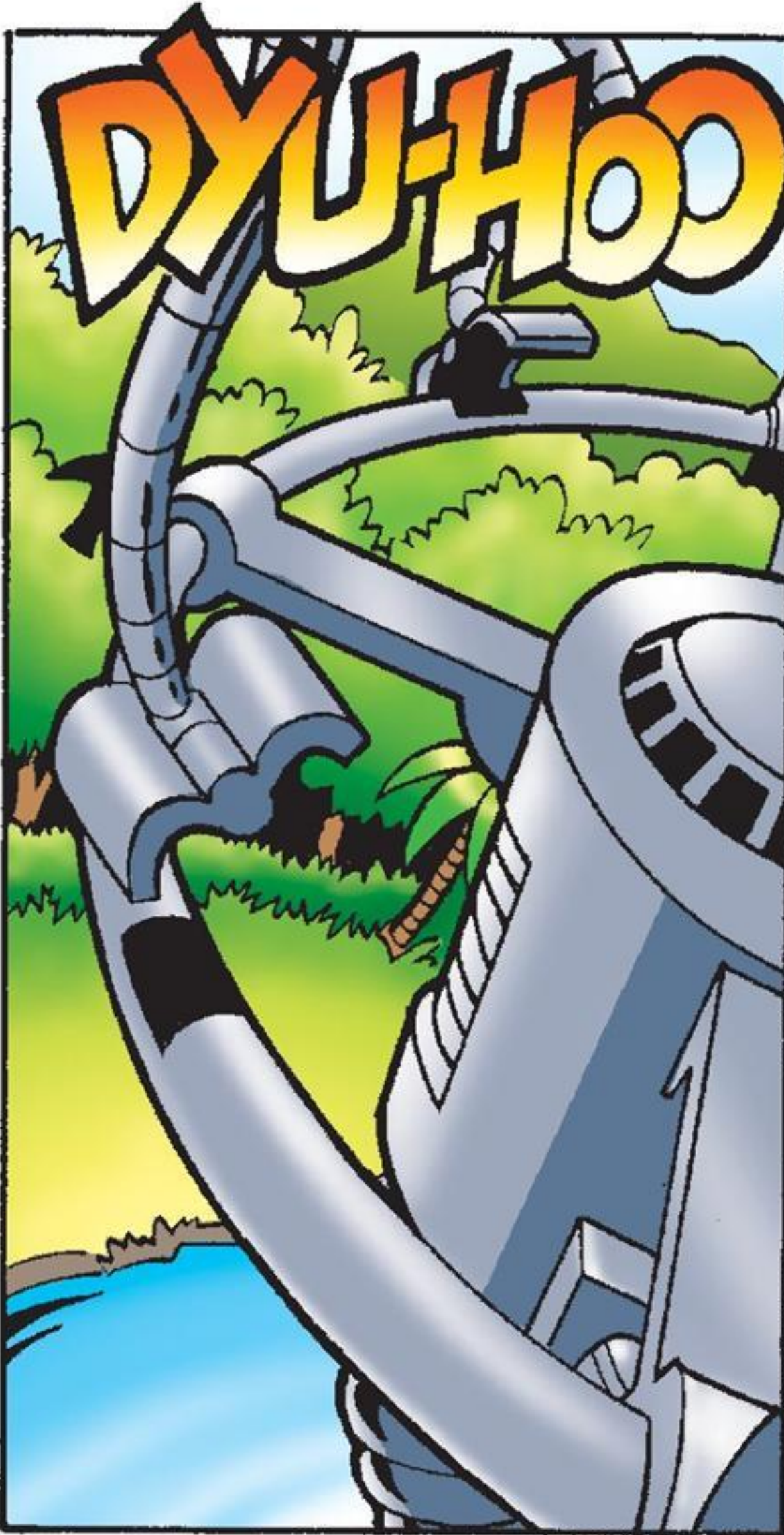
NH-LH.

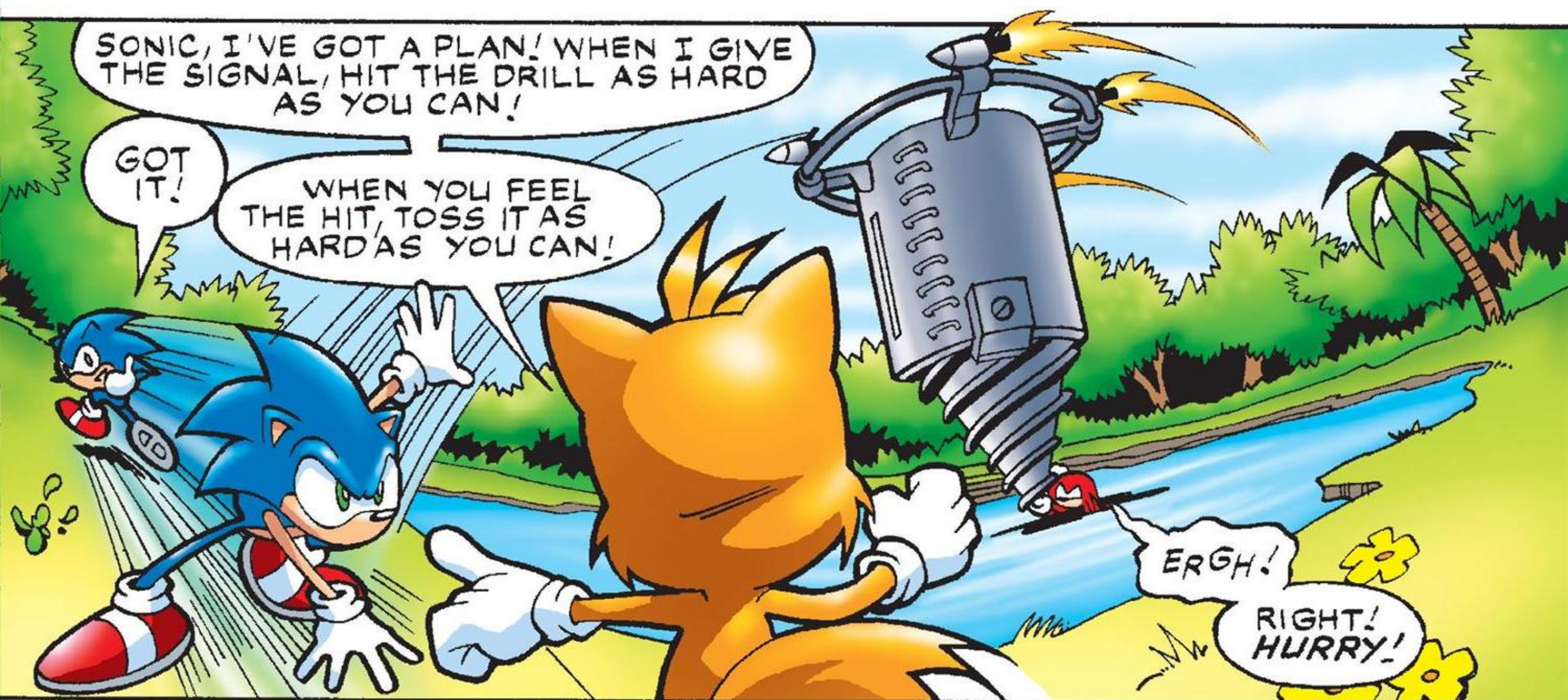
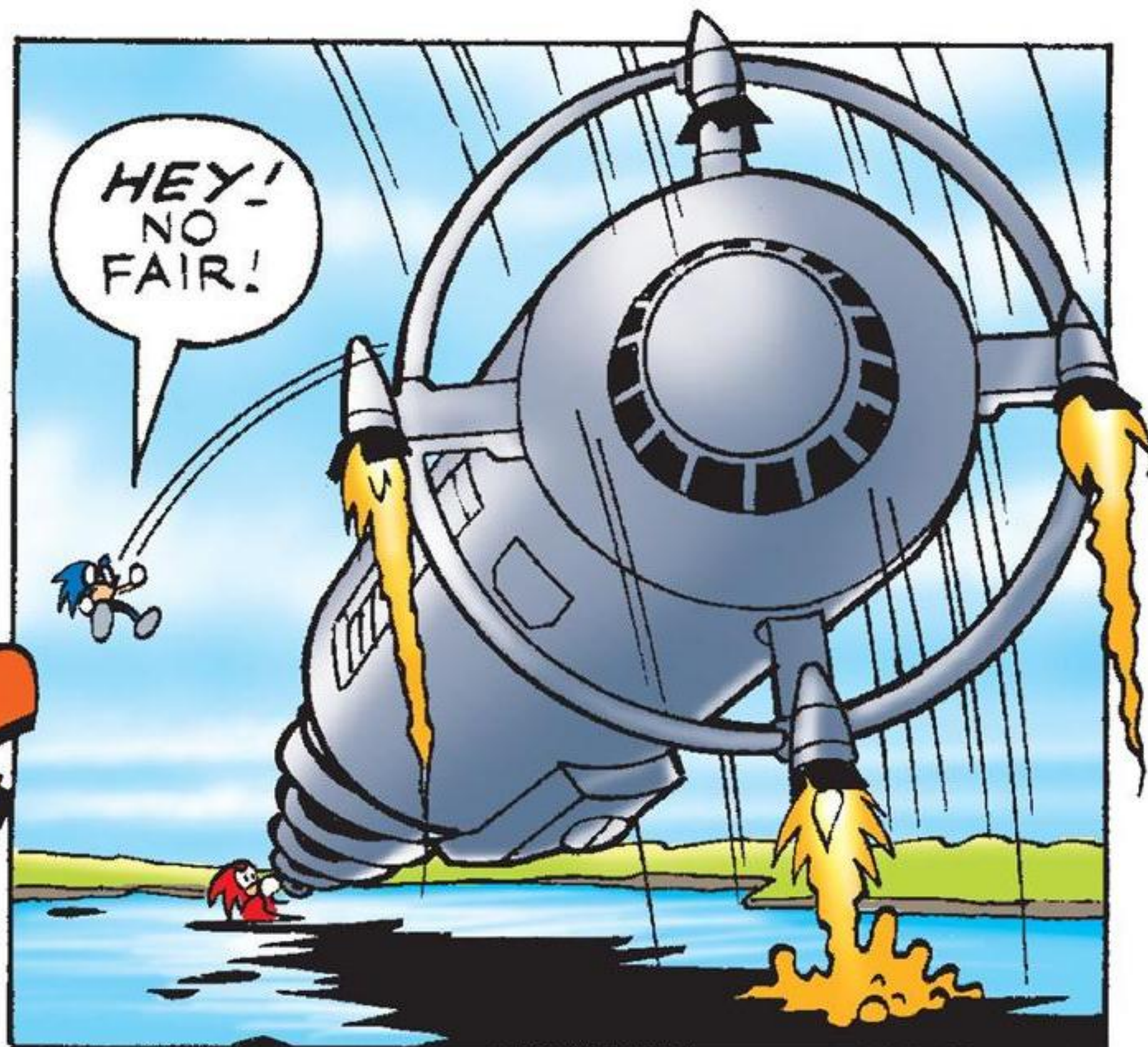
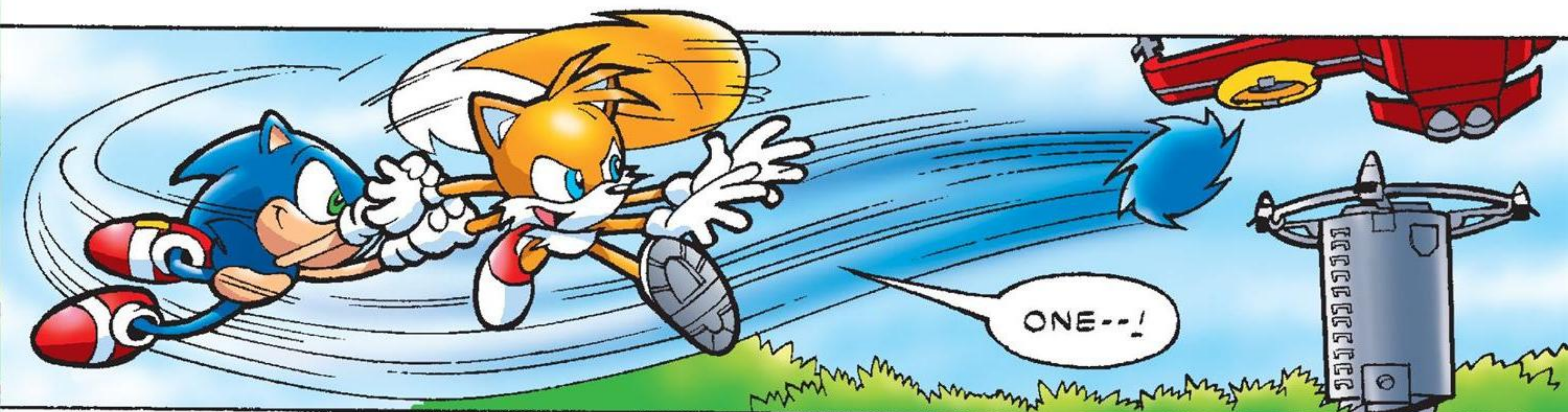
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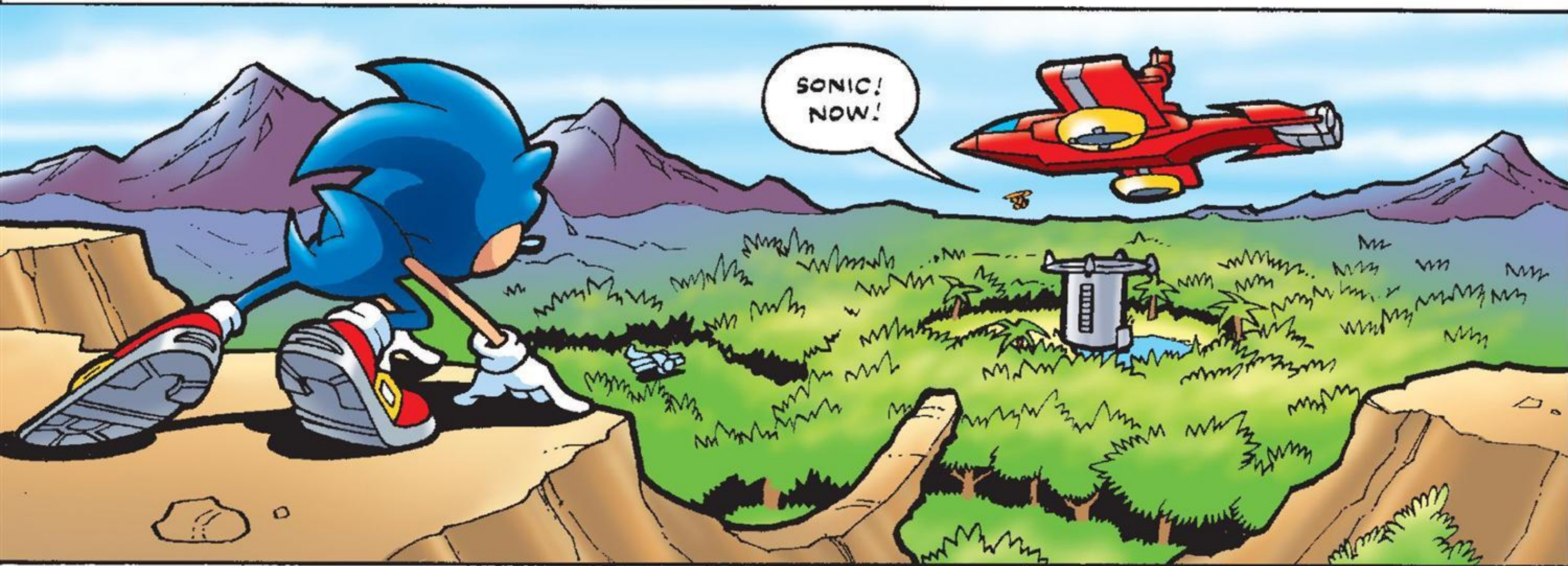
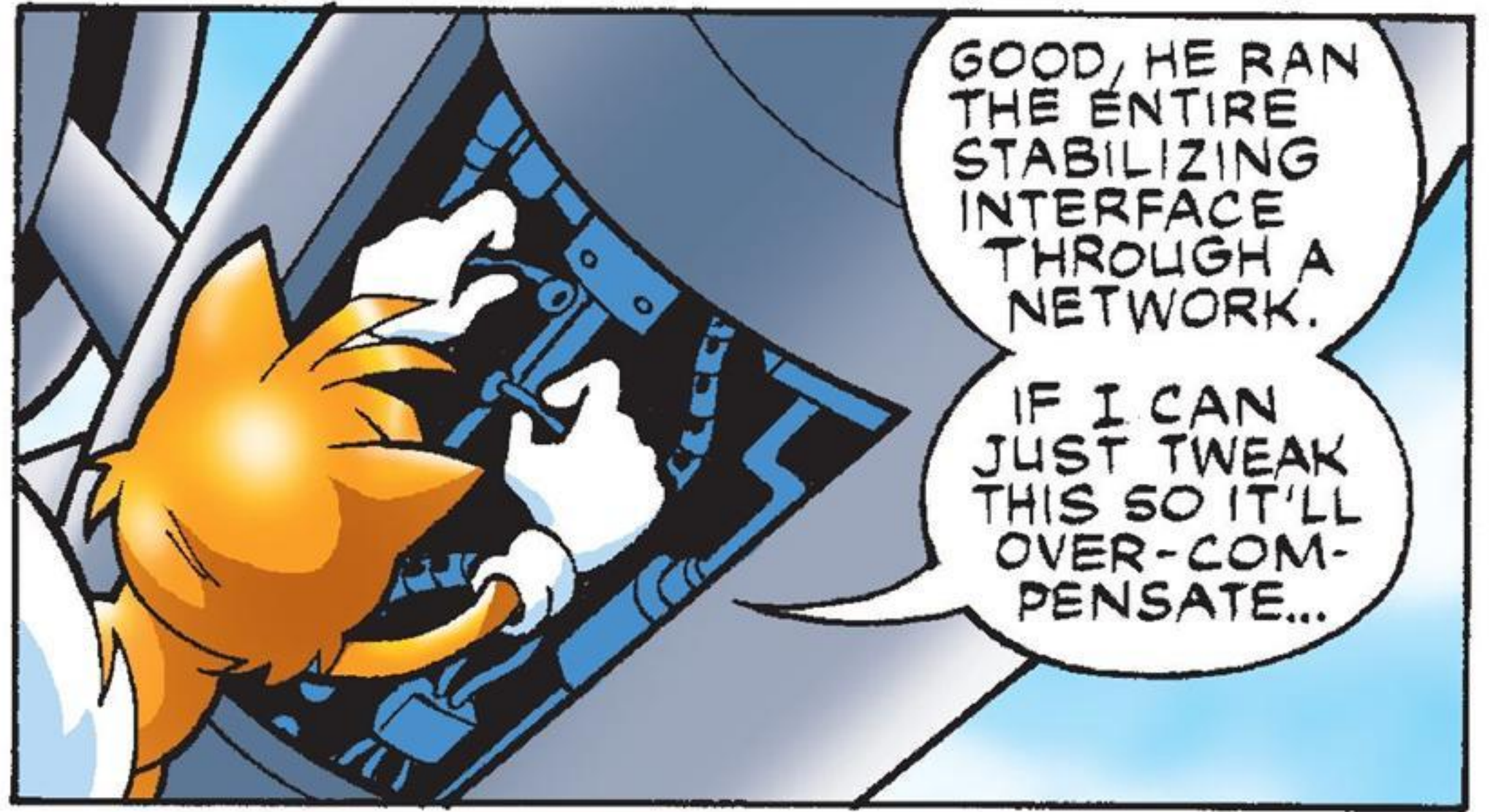
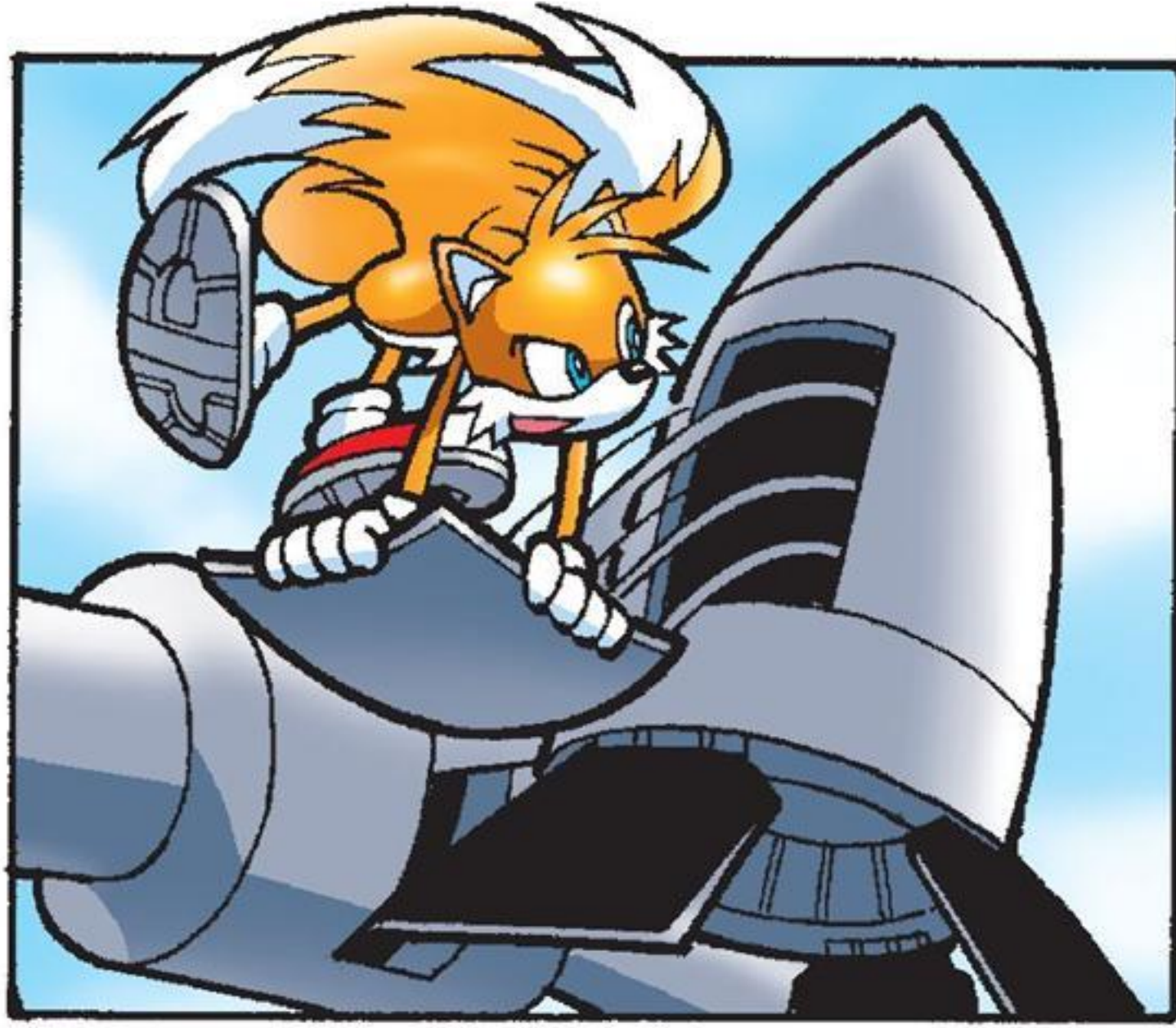
DIDN'T YOU INVENT THOSE?

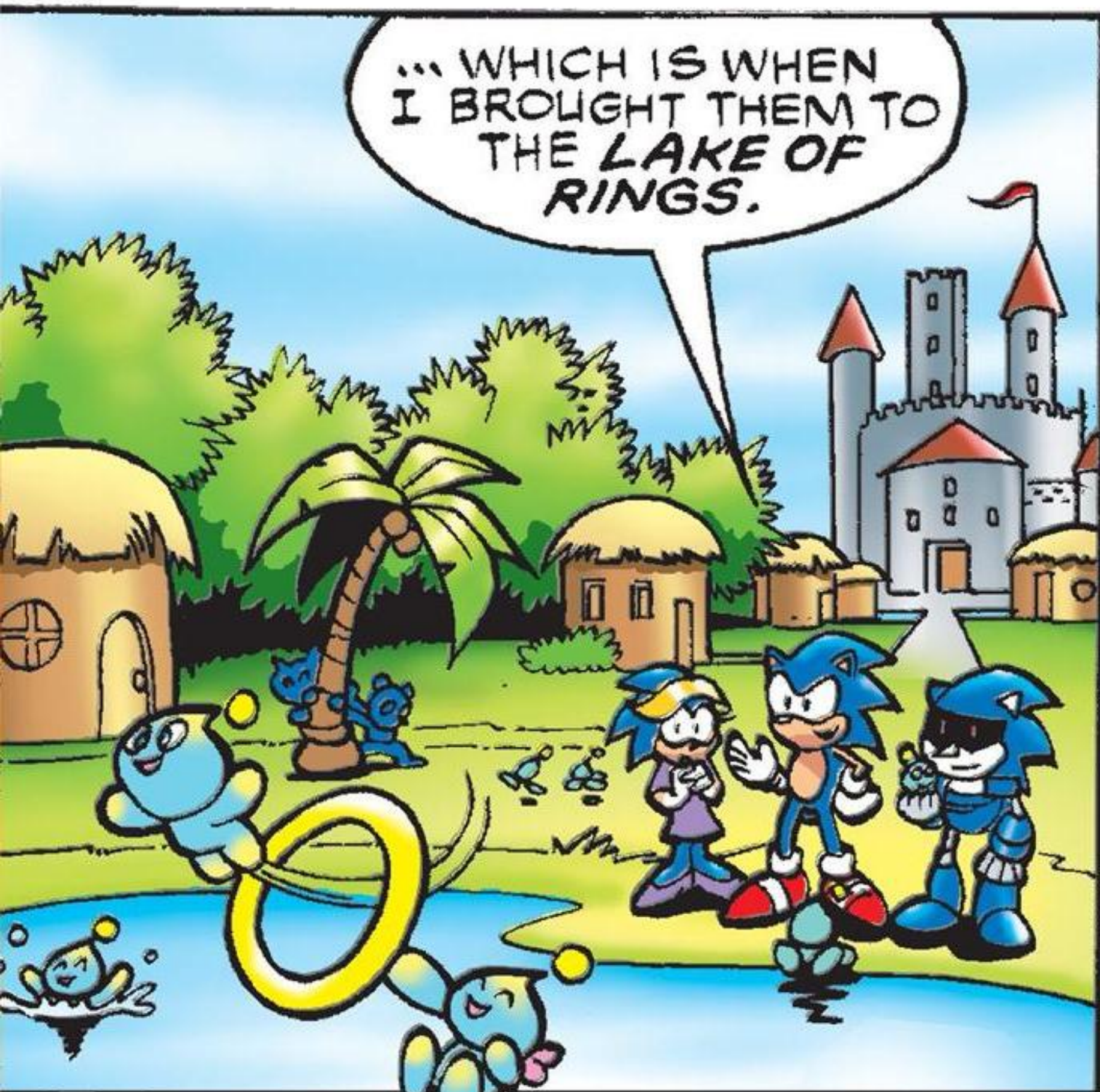
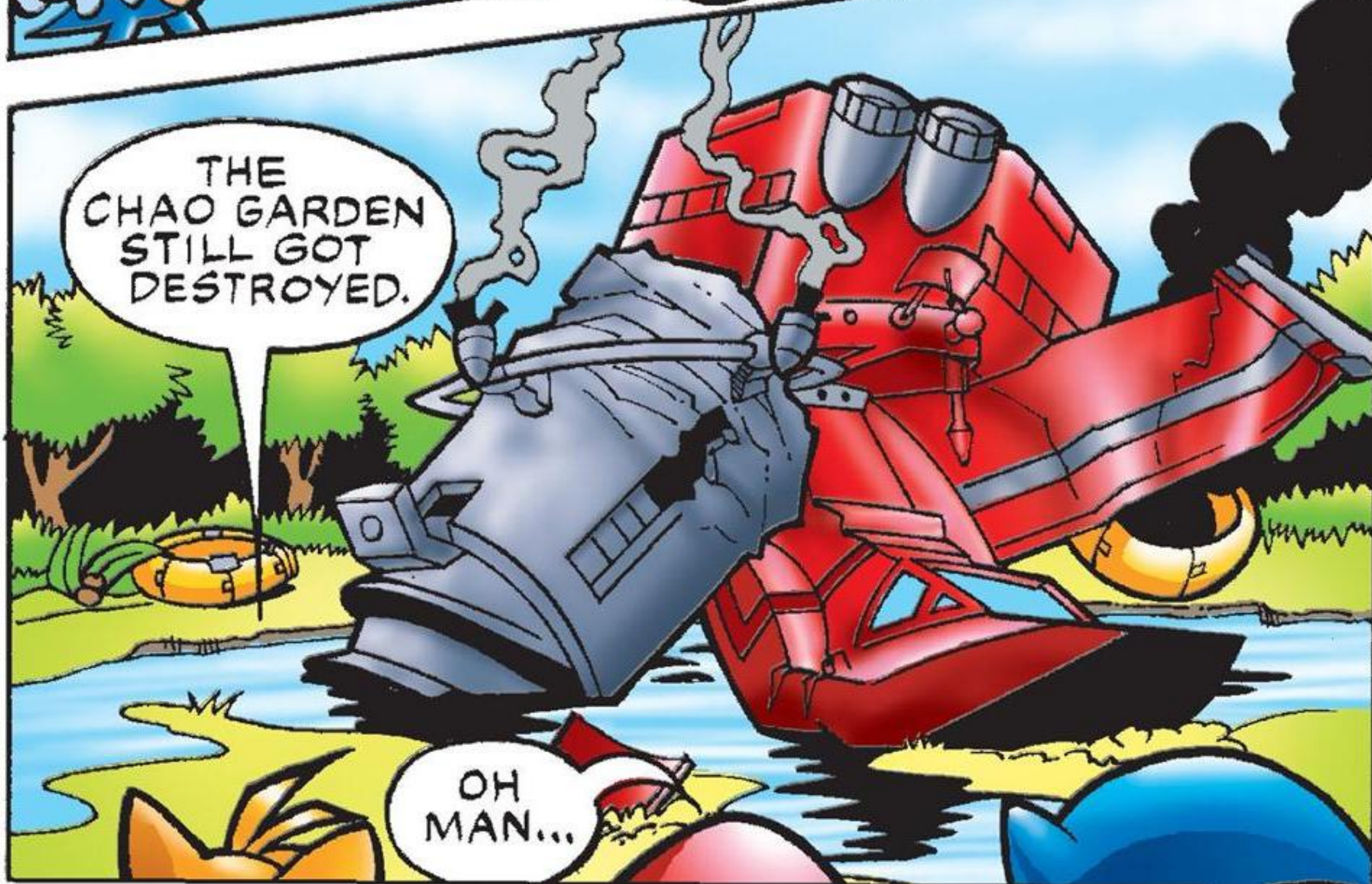
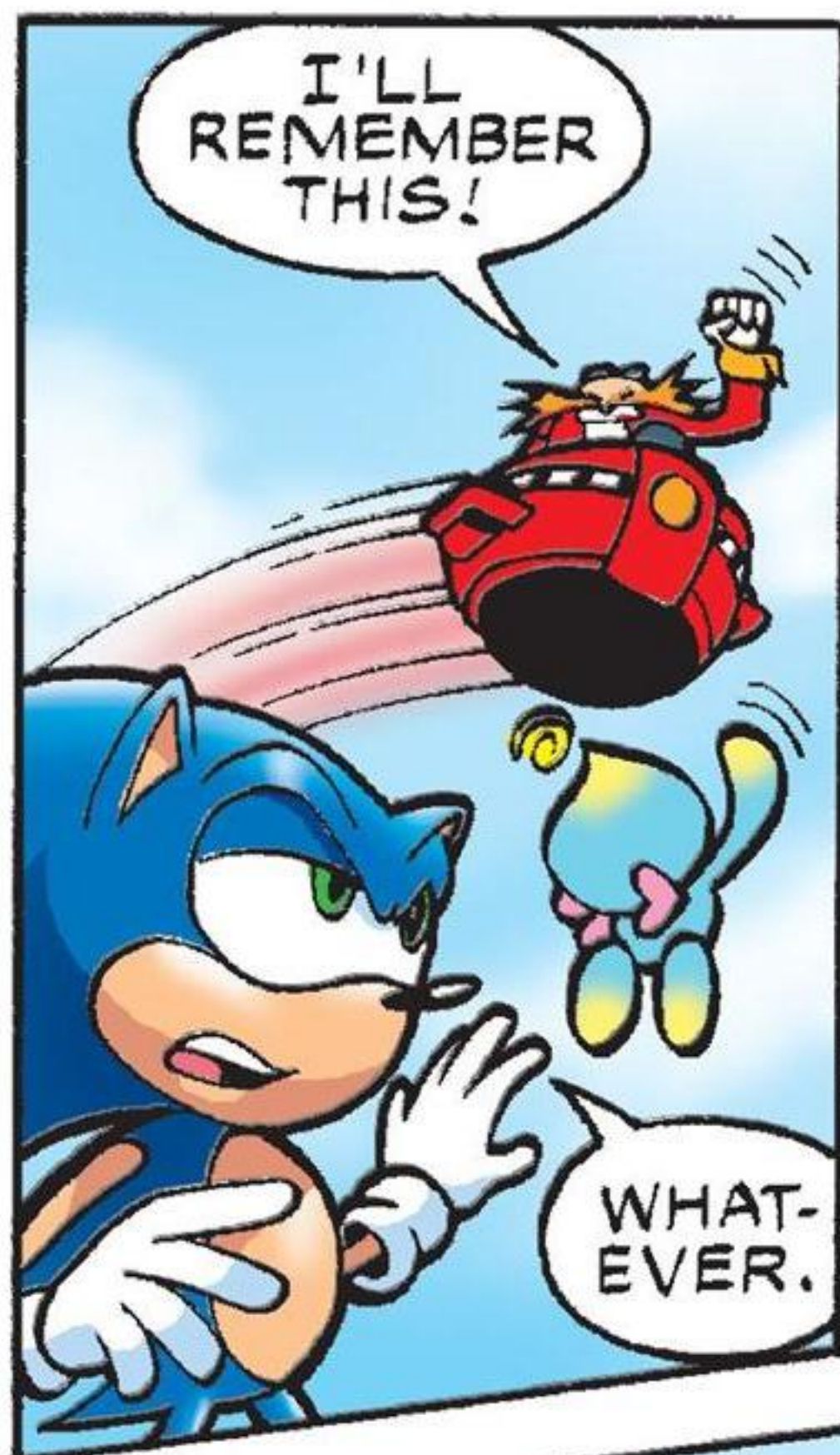
...DID I ALREADY ASK ABOUT MAGIC RINGS?

YES. AND NO.









SONIC VS. EGGMAN! THE ULTIMATE SHOWDOWN!
SONIC # 175 IS NOT TO BE MISSED!

THE END